

## SESSION ADJOURNED

HIGH SCHOOL COMMISSION DEFERS COMPLETING WORK.

Stress of Other Official Labors Upon Members Requires Postponement of Remainder of Task— Sites Announced.

The High School Commission, after having been in sessions of two weeks, adjourned yesterday afternoon early, naming Russellville for the location of the High School of Franklin County as its final act. It is probable that the Commission will not get together in formal session again until June.

The sites selected yesterday were at the following places in the counties named, the costs of the buildings being given also:

Thomaston, Marengo County, building to cost not less than \$10,000.  
Butler, Choctaw County, building to cost not less than \$10,000.  
Hartford, Geneva County, building to cost not less than \$15,000.  
Hartselle, Morgan County, building to cost not less than \$10,000.

In addition to the cost of the buildings in each instance, the victorious towns and cities agree to give at least five acres of land and for maintenance of the High School amounts varying from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually for the term of years, which are in addition to the State's annual appropriation of \$2,000 to each county. The latter goes only to the payment of teachers' salaries.

With the selection of the five High School sites yesterday, the Commission disposed of more than 50 per cent of the total number of counties eligible for the institutions. Excluding the several counties that this year at least cannot qualify for the schools, there were in the beginning forty-five counties awaiting the decision of the Commission. In groups, one by one, the Commission set about the task last week and this week, of selecting the sites, until now twenty-four of the locations have been accomplished. There leaves now twenty-one awaiting decisions.

The counties of Greene and Butler have as yet not submitted any applications for high schools to the Commission for several days to come. He left last night for Birmingham, where he has gone on official business. Thence he will go to Washington, D. C., next week in order to be with President Roosevelt and the Governors of other States and territories at the conference called by the President to discuss the conservation of national resources.

When the Governor returns from Washington it will then be about time to begin his tour of college commencements. Prior to this, however, other appointments await his attention.

One of the warmest fights remaining for arbitration of the High School Commission is that between Tuskegee and Notasulga for the Macon County School. The Commission has had the county under consideration for several days but deferred action thereon.

**SAM L. HARRIS HURT.**

Wagon Runs Over a Jackson County Man.

Scottsboro, May 8.—(Special.)—Sam L. Harris of near here, was painfully hurt by his team running away, the wagon passing over his body.

He fell from the heavily loaded wagon, the wheels running over him, breaking several ribs.

His injuries are painful but not dangerous.

Tom Snodgrass of this place, who has been attending school at Albertville, is at home, the school having closed indefinitely.

John B. Tally, Jr., son of Judge John B. Tally, of this place, who has been in business for the past two years at Enterprise, has purchased a drug store at this place, and will conduct the store.

Willie Judge, the 15-year-old son of

Thomas Judge, of this place, has disappeared from home and his father and mother are greatly exercised about him.

**EXERCISES AT FLORENCE.**

Commencement Program of the R. M. Patton School.

Florence, May 8.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the R. M. Patton school were held Thursday at the Court House, ten students receiving diplomas for finishing the eighth grade.

Rev. G. W. Read made the invocation after the exercises had been opened by the class singing "America." The U. D. C. medal was awarded Miss Kate Stewart for the prize essay, "Forrest's Campaign in the Tennessee Valley."

In the declamation contest the medal was awarded to Miss India Neal, the other contestants being Misses Eva Robinson, Nola Stewart, Crystal Reed, Mary Lipscomb, Dana Snyder, Kathleen Vaughn, Blanche Evans and Fred Busby.

The diplomas were delivered by H. C. Gilbert, former City School Superintendent.

**NEWS OF RECORD**  
The following appointments of Governor Comer were announced yesterday:  
Justice of the Peace—J. S. DeLacke of Oneonta.  
Constable—G. O. Barnett of Porters, Montgomery County.  
Notary Public—Jimmie Hagin of Bagland.

Notary Public and ex-officio Justice of the Peace—W. A. Scarbrough of Oatchee, Calhoun County.

The following deeds were filed yesterday with the Judge of Probate for record and transfer:  
California S. DeJarnette to Estelle Abercrombie, lot on High Street; consideration, \$500.

American Securities Company to Sam Kaufman and Fred Solomon, the south 55 acres of Greenwood Cemetery; consideration, \$35,000.

N. F. and W. B. Davidson to H. C. Davidson, 4 lots in blocks 12 and 14, plat of Montgomery Improvement Company; consideration, \$475.

N. F. and W. B. Davidson to Maggie B. Haston, 3 lots in block 23, plat of the Montgomery Improvement Company; consideration, \$1,650.

Viola T. Brown to Highland Park Improvement Company, lot in plat of the Uplands.

Lillie S. and James E. Maddox, H. C. and Fannie L. Davidson to Emmett A. Parker, lot on Graves Street; consideration, \$125.

T. J. Pinson of Jemison, Chilton County, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy yesterday in the clerk's office of the United States Court. He scheduled his assets at \$248.19 and his liabilities, \$1,493.78.

**FREE DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

A Wagon at the Service of the Customers of Holt's Dye Works.

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**COLD IN SOUTH.**

Moderately Cold Weather Prevailed Over Section.

Moderately cold weather prevailed over the entire South yesterday, the temperature in Montgomery reaching as low as 49 degrees, five degrees lower than on the previous day. At Opelika the temperature dropped as low as 45 degrees.

With a drift of the weather conditions as shown by yesterday's map in the weather bureau office, fair weather will prevail through this section today and probably Sunday with slowly rising temperature.

**Weston Defeated Cook.**

Sheffield, May 8.—(Special.)—In the report of the city election held in Sheffield on the 4th inst., the correspondent gave the result in the race for Mayor as follows: Sam C. Cooke, 167; W. R. Weston, 162. The vote should have been W. R. Weston, 167; Sam C. Cooke, 162.

## BREWERY DAMAGED

FIRE DESTROYS PART OF LOCAL PLANT.

Capital Brewing and Ice Company Sustains Loss Estimated To Be \$20,000—Origin of Fire Not Known.

Fire at 1:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon destroyed a large portion of the east wing of the building of the Capital Brewing and Ice Company, situated at the foot of Second Street, in East Montgomery. In that part of the structure burned were stored some barroom fixtures and a quantity of hops recently purchased, the loss constituting the greater percentage of the damage. Estimated by the owners to be about \$20,000. The loss, it is stated, is fully covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the cupola at the very top of the building, and was visible from all of the higher points of the city, several people observing the blaze before the alarm was sent in. Starting at the top, the flames bore down the body of the structure with a rapidity almost incomprehensible, giving rise at one time to the fear that the entire plant was doomed.

The first alarm received by the department was from Box 14, located some distance from the scene of the blaze, and this circumstance occasioned a slight confusion, somewhat delaying the arrival of the company, who were further handicapped by the fact that several of the water plugs which had to be utilized were distant, many hundred feet from the scene of the fire. The origin of the blaze is unknown, but it is suggested that a spark from a passing locomotive may have set the structure afire.

When the department arrived upon the scene, the fire had gained great headway, and the flames were leaping high above the roof of the structure. The part of the building attacked is devoted principally to the storage of a storeroom for hops and furniture, and with its rambling construction, undivided by partitions, burned like tinder. The burning portion, flanked on the north by a brick wall, covered over the department an opportunity of fighting the fire, partially at least, from all sides. Even with the advantage of the firemen playing four streams content almost frenziedly against the steady encroachment of the flames for more than an hour before the safety of the remaining portion was assured. The negroes employed at the brewery assisted the firemen in handling the hose and further combating the progress of the flames, and their aid was a factor in confining the damage.

It was two hours after the inception of the fire before the companies felt that it was entirely safe to leave the scene. Several of the firemen narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death during the early part of the fight. Surmounting the cupola, a fireman was a flag pole, which undermined by the flames, became overbalanced, and fell with a terrific crash upon the roof, half a dozen firemen. Just previously to its fall, shouts from the spectators surrounding the scene made them aware of their danger, and they fled by in time to avert a tragedy.

Shortly after this incident, a hose was carried daringly into the furnace-like interior of the burning structure, and among those watching the performance, an accident seemed imminent, but none occurred.

The manufacturing plant of the brewery was not damaged and while it is probable that serious inconvenience will be felt as a result of the fire, Naham Grell stated yesterday that the operation of the brewery would not be discontinued.

The building of the Capital Brewing and Ice Company is located on the site of the old structure built and occupied about 1882 by the Alabama Fertilizer Works. When the present owners bought the property, the original building was torn down, wholly or in part, and another better suited to the requirements of the brewing business, erected. Since then improvements have been added.

**Beginning Saturday, May 9th, all the undersigned banks will close at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, until September 1st.**

First National Bank.

Fourth National Bank.

New Parley National Bank.

Exchange National Bank.

Union Bank & Trust Co.

Montgomery Bank & Trust Co.

Alabama Bank & Trust Co.

**JORDAN CONVICTED**

NEGRO PENSION ATTORNEY GUILTY OF FRAUD.

Jordan Has Been Many Times Charged With Pension Frauds, But Had Escaped Conviction Until Yesterday.

Jep Jordan, a negro pension lawyer, of Montgomery County, was convicted in the United States Court yesterday of violating the pension laws. Judge Jones deferred passing sentence until this morning, and Jordan, as a consequence, spent the night in the Montgomery County jail. The maximum penalty which the court can impose is imprisonment in the penitentiary for three years and a fine of \$1,000.

It is said that Jordan has been tried in the Federal Court at least fifty times for violations of the pension laws, but in each case was acquitted either on a technicality or through failure of the Government to establish its case against the defendant. The conviction yesterday was very gratifying to the District Attorney and his assistants, who have labored hard on the case.

Wallace Street, of the law department of the Pension Bureau at Washington, has been assisting the District Attorney in the gathering of evidence and in the general prosecution.

It was brought out by the Government that Jordan swindled an old negro woman, Violet Riley, of Greenville, Ala., out of several hundred dollars, representing himself as a Government pension agent. It was alleged that he informed the old negro that he could obtain a pension for her and also for an uncle of hers, provided she paid him the fees in advance. A pension of \$2,000 was guaranteed for every \$100 paid to him as fees. The old woman decided that she would obtain a pension of \$2,000 for herself and a pension of \$2,000 for her uncle also, so accordingly paid over to Jordan \$200.

The case, as developed in Judge Jones' charge to the jury, hinged upon a technical point, and was, whether Jordan in approaching the woman on the subject of obtaining pensions for her, represented himself as a Government pension agent, or whether he merely represented himself as a pension attorney. The Government contended that Jordan represented himself as the former, but the defendant's counsel tried to prove that he represented himself merely as a pension attorney and, therefore, under the Federal statute was not guilty as charged in the indictment.

There were several counts in the indictment and the jury returned a verdict of guilty on three of these counts.

**Alabama at Departments.**

Washington, May 8.—(Special.)—Rural free delivery carriers appointed Birmingham, route No. 1, Charles C. Bailey carrier, no substitute; Coffeeville, route No. 1, Walter E. Gay carrier, Rudolph B. Cox substitute.

## International Sunday School Lesson

Second Quarter, Lesson VI, John xv, 26; xvi 24, May 10, 1908.

**THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**  
The Divine Spirit was no new or late arrival in the world. He brooded over the waters before there was land, or light, or life. He strove on occasion in the consciences of the eldest of men. The patriarchs felt his immanence. By him also the prophets spoke. But as if this had been cumulative and preparatory it was in the person of Jesus that the Holy Spirit had his consummate revelation. In him the Spirit kept living so constantly and in such fullness that it was as if his body was designed for nothing so much as for a residence of the Spirit.

The disciples had become familiar with this manifestation of the divine spirit in Jesus. They could not be so much as think of that Spirit as manifested in any other way or person. Hence, the necessity of the Master's departure. There was nothing technical, occult, or mysterious about it. The disciples must not forever lean upon the divine as revealed in Jesus alone. They must realize the possibility of an evolution of the same divine Spirit within themselves. This could not be until Jesus had departed, and they were thus thrown upon their own resources. Looked upon in this sense, while for a time they might lament his departure, yet in the end they would grieve the cause and the gain of it. Then sorrow would be turned to a joy that no force could ever wrest away.

It was in the bitter experience of persecution, of accommodation and impending martyrdom that the disciples would discover the possibility, the joy and the incalculable gains of a personal divine indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit would be educative in his influence, bringing forgotten things to recollection and guiding into those additional truths which Jesus would have taught them, but for the sake of a comforting, giving strength and support to the moral nature when it would otherwise sink down under the weight of grief and fear.

While the Holy Spirit has offices of comfort and instruction to perform towards the disciples in particular, he has also functions of first importance toward the world in general. He will convict men on account of their sinful

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